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REMARKS**Status Of Claims**

Upon entry of this amendment claims 1-15 will be pending in this application. Claims 1-7 have been amended herein. New claims 8-15 have been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges previous claims 2-6 contain allowable subject matter. (Office Action, on page 3). The Examiner indicated that claims 2-6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, claims 2-6 have been amended for increased clarity.

Amendment of Title

The title has been amended to recite "EUV" correcting inadvertent typographical error.

Response To Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶ 2. Claim 1 has been amended to provide improved connectivity. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections of claim 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶ 2. Further, claims 2-6 are now presented in independent form rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

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Response To Objections To The Specification

The disclosure stands objected to in relation to Fig. 2. Accordingly, Fig. 2 has been amended as set forth below and the objection is now moot.

The disclosure stands objected to in relation to Fig.'s 4 and 5 and in relation to Page 16, lines 22-23, the phrase, "gauge 5B attached to the second chamber 3" alleging the reference numerals do not match the numerals in the figures.

Applicant has amended the specification accordingly to recite "gauge 5B attached to the ~~second~~ third chamber 3". Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of this objection.

Response to Drawing Objections

Fig. 2 has been objected to as allegedly identifying the same element with the respective lead lines of elements 53 and 55. Fig. 2. has been amended rendering this objection moot. As stated above, Applicant herewith submits a sheet of Formal Drawings for Fig. 2, which is a replacement sheet.

Response to Claims Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Applicant's own figures 2-5.

The measurement apparatus of claim 1 is recited "wherein said opening of the orifice is provided outside of an optical path of the light emitted from the EUV light".

Applicant's Prior Art (APA) provides the orifice between the space (chamber) that accommodates the absorber and the space that accommodates the EUV light source. Moreover, the opening of the orifice is provided the optical path of the EUV light. In other

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words, APA does not disclose or suggest the characteristic as recited. Thus, claims 1 and 7 are not anticipated by APA.

Applicant's Remarks Regarding New Claims

The measurement apparatus of claim 8 recites "an absorbing chamber that accommodates the absorber and a measurement chamber that is connected to the absorbing chamber via the opening of the orifice."

Distinguishing, Applicant's Figures 2-5 do not disclose or suggest the characteristic B. Thus claims 8 and 15 are not anticipated by APA.

The measurement methods of claims 9-14 uses the measurement apparatus of claim 2 to 6 that would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Thus, claims 9-14 are not anticipated by APA.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5376.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5376.

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